

DATES TO REMEMBER!



REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

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October 10, 2016

First day to vote-by-mail.

October 24, 2016

Last day to register to vote.

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November 1, 2016

Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter's application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

November 8, 2016

Election Day!

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About Ballot Measures

What is a state ballot measure?

A state ballot measure, also known as a proposition, is a proposed law that requires voter approval.

A majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes is needed to pass.

It can be put before voters by:

- The State Legislature
- Citizens using the “initiative” process

There are several types of state ballot measures. The November 8, 2016, General Election ballot includes the following types of ballot measures.

Initiative

- Often called “direct democracy”
- Can be used to create or change laws or amend the California Constitution
- Proponents must gather petition signatures of registered voters to place an initiative measure on the ballot
- A majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes is needed to pass

Referendum

- Used to approve or reject laws adopted by the Legislature
- Proponents must gather petition signatures of registered voters within 90 days of enactment of the bill if they want to block it from becoming law
- Once on the ballot, the law is defeated if voters cast more NO votes than YES votes. If voters cast more YES votes, the measure becomes law.

Legislative Bond Measure

To be enacted, a bill that calls for the issuance of general obligation bonds (money the state borrows to pay primarily for infrastructure projects such as roads, educational facilities, prisons, parks, water projects, and office buildings) must:

- Be adopted in each house of the Legislature by a two-thirds vote
- Be signed by the governor
- Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

Whenever there is a bond measure on the ballot, an overview of California’s bond debt must appear in the Voter Information Guide.

Legislative Constitutional Amendment

An amendment to the California Constitution proposed by the Legislature must:

- Be approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature
- Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

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Legislative Initiative Amendment

An amendment to a law that was previously enacted through the initiative process must:

- Be approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature
- Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

An amendment to a Legislative Initiative Amendment may not require a vote of the people if the original measure specifically permits legislative amendment or repeal without voter approval.

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Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

Check your sample ballot



Your county sample ballot booklet will:

- Describe how persons with disabilities can vote privately and independently
- Display a wheelchair symbol if your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities

At the polling place

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

Contact your county elections office to see if curbside voting is available at your polling place.

Audio & large print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available at no cost in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

To order:



Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-8683



Visit www.sos.ca.gov



Download an audio MP3 version at
www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

Check your Voter Status Online

Check out the Secretary of State's new **California Voter** page, where you can check your voter status, register to vote, and learn all about voting in California.

Use **My Voter Status** to:

- See if you are registered to vote and if so, in what county
- Check your political party preference
- Find your polling place
- Look at upcoming elections in your area
- Change the way you receive the Voter Information Guide (also known as the ballot pamphlet) before each statewide election
- Find contact information for your county elections office

The California Voter page is available in 10 languages. To find your record you will need some personal information like first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, social security number (last 4 numbers), and date of birth.

Go to <http://cavoter.sos.ca.gov> to get started.

Alameda County
(510) 272-6973
www.acvote.org

Alpine County
(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Amador County
(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org/elections

Butte County
(530) 538-7761 or (800) 894-7761
<http://buttevotes.net/>

Calaveras County
(209) 754-6376 or (209) 754-6375
<http://elections.calaverasgov.us/elections.aspx>

Colusa County
(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County
(925) 335-7800
www.contracostacore.us

Del Norte County
(707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us

El Dorado County
(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322
www.edcgov.us/elections

Fresno County
(559) 600-8683
www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections

Glenn County
(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/govt/departments/elections/

Humboldt County
(707) 445-7481
humboldtgov.org/

Imperial County
(442) 265-1074
www.co.imperial.ca.us/regvoters

Inyo County
(760) 878-0410 or (760) 878-0224
elections.inyocounty.us

Kern County
(661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683
www.co.kern.ca.us/elections/

Kings County
(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County
(707) 263-2372
www.co.lake.ca.us

Lassen County
(530) 251-8352 or (530) 251-8217
<http://www.lassencounty.org>

Los Angeles County
(800) 815-2666 or (562) 466-1310
www.lavote.net

Madera County
(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County
(415) 473-6456
www.marinvotes.org

Mariposa County
(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

Mendocino County
(707) 234-6819
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/elections.htm

Merced County
(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.com

Modoc County
(530) 233-6205
www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections

Mono County
(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530
www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County
(831) 796-1499 or (831) 796-1480
www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County
(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org/elections

Nevada County
(530) 265-1298
www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/elections/

Orange County
(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

Placer County
(530) 886-5650
www.placerelections.com

Plumas County
(530) 283-6256 or (530) 283-6129
www.plumascounty.us

Riverside County
(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County
(916) 875-6451
www.elections.saccounty.net

San Benito County
(831) 636-4016 or (877) 777-4017
www.sbcvote.us

San Bernardino County
(909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County
(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com

San Francisco County
(415) 554-4375
www.sfelections.org

San Joaquin County
(209) 468-2885
www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County
(805) 781-5228
www.slovote.com

San Mateo County
(650) 312-5222
www.shapethefuture.org

Santa Barbara County
(805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683
www.sbcvote.com

Santa Clara County
(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683
www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz County
(831) 454-2060
www.votescount.com

Shasta County
(530) 225-5730
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

Sierra County
(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ca.gov

Siskiyou County
(530) 842-8084 or (888) 854-2000 ext. 8084
www.sisqvotes.org

Solano County
(707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683
www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma County
(707) 565-6800
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County
(209) 525-5200 or (209) 525-5201
www.stanvote.com

Sutter County
(530) 822-7122
www.suttercounty.org/elections

Tehama County
(530) 527-8190 or (866) 289-5307
www.co.tehama.ca.us

Trinity County
(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org

Tulare County
(559) 624-7300
www.tularecounty.ca.gov/registrarofvoters/

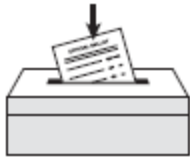
Tuolumne County
(209) 533-5570
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County
(805) 654-2664
venturavote.org

Yolo County
(530) 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943
www.yoloelections.org

Yuba County
(530) 749-7855
www.yubaelections.org

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Election Day Information

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

4 ways to find your polling place:



Check the back cover of the sample ballot booklet your county elections official mailed to you



Calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place



Text *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)

Just Moved?

If you moved to your new address after **October 24**, and did not re-register, you may vote at your former polling place.

Assistance for voters with disabilities

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. County elections officials inspect each site and often make temporary modifications for Election Day. Every person who works in a polling place is trained in election laws and voter rights, including the need to make reasonable modifications of policies and procedures to ensure equal access.

State and federal laws require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Each polling place must have at least one voting machine that allows all voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine permits voters to verify their vote choices and, if there is an error, allows voters to correct those choices before submitting their ballot.

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Elections in California

There are two different types of primary elections in California. The results of the primary election determine the candidates who will run in the general election in November. The types of primary elections are:

Presidential (Party-Nominated/Partisan Office)

- Office on the ballot: U.S. President
- Who can vote: Only voters who registered with the same political party as the candidate (some parties allow voters who registered with no party preference to vote in their primary. Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/no-party-preference> for more information).
- Result: The candidate who moves onto the general election is the candidate nominated by their national political party and may not be the candidate that was elected by popular vote in the California primary election.

California Open Primary (Voter-Nominated Offices)

- Offices on the ballot: U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, statewide offices, and state legislative offices
- Who can vote: Any voter may vote for any one candidate in each contest, regardless of party preference.
- Result: The top-two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top-two primary, a general election must be held even if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) and even if there is only one candidate in the primary election.
- California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.

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Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

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Find Your Polling Place

Polling places are established by county elections officials. When you receive your county sample ballot booklet in the mail a few weeks before Election Day, look for your polling place address on the back cover.

You may also visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

You can also text *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place.

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Footers

Arguments **REQUIRED AS WRITTEN**

Arguments printed on this page are the opinions of the authors, and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.
(California Elections Code section 9086)

Analysis

For the full text of Proposition _____, see page _____.

Analysis

Text to appear after the analysis of each measure (new requirement per SB 1253):

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/measure-contributions> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/nov-16-gen-v2.html> to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

Political Party Statement of Purpose

The order of the statements was determined by randomized drawing. Statements on this page were supplied by political parties and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

Candidate Statements

The order of the statements was determined by randomized drawing. Statements on this page were supplied by the candidates and have not been checked for accuracy. Each statement was voluntarily submitted and paid for by the candidate. Candidates who did not submit statements could otherwise be qualified to appear on the ballot.

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Honor a Veteran on Election Day

The “Honor Veterans. Vote.” program provides California citizens the opportunity to pay tribute and dedicate their vote to a veteran or active duty service member.

By submitting your dedication, you can choose to receive a certificate or a lapel pin to proudly display appreciation for your honored veteran or active duty service member. You can also choose to have an email notification sent to the veteran/service member you are honoring, notifying them of your tribute.

You may honor more than one veteran/service member, but only one lapel pin will be issued per voter. We encourage you to show your appreciation for our service members by wearing the lapel pin when you vote. To submit your dedication, go to honorveterans.sos.ca.gov.

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How to vote by mail

Who can vote by mail?

Any registered voter can vote by mail. You must request a vote-by-mail ballot from your county elections official at least 7 days before the election, or you can register as a permanent vote-by-mail voter and a ballot will automatically be mailed to you prior to each election.

How to get your vote-by-mail ballot

You must request your vote-by-mail ballot no later than **November 1. Here's how:**



Fill out the vote-by-mail application in your county sample ballot booklet

OR



Go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/where-and-how/#get-a-ballot and fill out the vote-by-mail application

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

After marking your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot, place it in the official envelope provided by your county elections office and seal it. **Sign** the outside of the envelope where directed and **add postage**.

To ensure your ballot arrives by the deadline, return it either:



By mail – must be postmarked on or before **November 8** and received by your county elections office no later than **November 14**



In person – drop off at your county elections office or any polling place in your county before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. **November 8**

A third party (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in the same household as you) may return the ballot for you to any polling place or elections office within your county on Election Day.

Even if you receive your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you can still vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to the polling place and give it to a poll worker to exchange for a polling place ballot. If you do not have your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you must vote using a provisional ballot. This ensures that you have not already cast a ballot. (See page ____ of this guide for more information about provisional ballots.)

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Tips for California's Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax, or email.

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials begin sending ballots to military and overseas voters 60 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at RegisterToVote.ca.gov to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time and can mail or fax (under certain circumstances) your voted ballot by Election Day.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.
- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each statewide election. We encourage you to update your registration each year, if needed; however, you must re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference, or if you do not participate in four consecutive statewide general elections. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/mov for more election resources designed especially for you.

Dates to remember:

October 24: last day to register to vote and request your ballot

November 1: last day to update or change how you want to receive your ballot

November 8: Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than November 14. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, on Election Day.

For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE



www.sos.ca.gov/elections/mov

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE



www.fvap.gov

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New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

1. Register

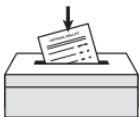
- Register to vote by **October 24, 2016**. You can register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or have a voter registration form mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). You can also pick up a voter registration form at your county elections office, local post office, or library.
- You are eligible to register to vote in California if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age on Election Day, and no longer imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony.

2. Get informed!

- As a registered voter you will receive two information resources in the mail:
 - this guide, which contains information on statewide ballot measures and candidates running for office. To receive your guide in a different language, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
 - the county sample ballot booklet, which contains a sample ballot, information about local races and measures, and your polling place location.
- Additional information can be found at the Secretary of State's website www.sos.ca.gov:
 - State campaign contributions - <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying>

3. Vote!

- You can vote in person or by mail:



In person: Polling places are established by county elections officials and are open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. To vote early before Election Day, contact your county elections office (see page XX of this guide for county contact information).



By mail: Apply for a vote-by-mail ballot no later than **November 1, 2016**. Vote-by-mail applications are in your county sample ballot booklet or online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/where-and-how/#get-a-ballot. You can also call **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)** to have one mailed to you. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than 3 days after Election Day. Or, you may personally deliver your ballot to any polling place in your county by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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Text if No Statement is Submitted

For Ballot Measure Arguments

No argument supporting Proposition ____ was submitted.

No argument opposing Proposition ____ was submitted.

For Candidates

No statements were submitted by the candidates running for the office of U.S. Senate in the November 8, 2016, General Election.

No photograph submitted.

About Ballot Arguments

The Secretary of State does not write ballot arguments. Ballot arguments are written by the proponents and opponents of the ballot measures. (California Elections Code sections 9041, 9042, and 9064)

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Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - registered where you currently live
 - at least 18 years old
 - not in prison or on parole for a felony
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if election officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

 On the web at www.sos.ca.gov

 By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**

 By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

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Earn money and make a difference – serve as a Poll Worker on Election Day!

Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important in our democracy – Election Day!

Who can be a poll worker?

To serve as a poll worker you must be:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; or
- ✓ An eligible high school student

What does a poll worker do?

- ✓ Sets up and closes a polling place
- ✓ Helps voters understand their rights
- ✓ Protects ballots and voting equipment

Why be a poll worker?

- ✓ Get involved and assist voters
- ✓ Contribute to your community and meet your neighbors
- ✓ Earn extra money (amount varies by county)

High School Poll Workers

To serve as a high school poll worker, a student must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
- ✓ Be at least 16 years old on Election Day
- ✓ Attend a public or private high school
- ✓ Have at least a 2.5 grade point average
- ✓ Get permission from your parents and school
- ✓ Attend a training session

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office (see page XX of this guide) or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

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Find Your Polling Place



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Promote the Vote with Democracy at Work

The Democracy at Work program invites California employers to promote the vote! Businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit groups can partner with the Secretary of State's office to strengthen our democracy by reaching out to employees, customers, or members to encourage them to register and vote. Simply sign up with the Secretary of State and you will be provided with nonpartisan outreach tools, featured on the Democracy at Work website, and have the opportunity to join in special public events.

There are 3 easy steps to participate:

1. Sign up - To take action and learn more about how your workplace can be a champion for civic participation, visit our website:
www.sos.ca.gov/democracyatwork
2. Send out - There are many ways to promote the vote. You decide your level of participation and can choose tools that include sample messages for email or social media, posters, and many others.
3. Stay involved - Join our list of partners to be highlighted on our webpage, be invited to participate in special events, or be creative and propose your own additional activities.

Get involved today! Contact the Secretary of State to learn more.



(916) 651-3070



DemocracyAtWork@sos.ca.gov

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Provisional voting

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot that is placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box

Who casts a provisional ballot?

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who:

- Believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place
- Vote by mail but did not receive their ballot or do not have their ballot with them, and instead want to vote at a polling place

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election.

You may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which you are registered to vote, however, only the elections contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?

Every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/> for a list of county contacts and information on how to check the status of your provisional ballot.

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Supplemental Voter Information Guide

The deadline for ballot measures to qualify for this election was June 30, 2016. State law required this voter guide to be printed in August 2016.

If the Legislature and the Governor add measures to the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot, the Secretary of State will prepare and mail a supplemental Voter Information Guide to you. The Secretary of State will also post updated information at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

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Top Contributors to Statewide Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) supports or opposes a ballot measure or candidate and raises at least \$1 million, the committee must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the top 10 list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at
<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html>

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U.S. Presidential Candidates

Information on candidates running for President will be available on the Secretary of State's Voter Information Guide website. Visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov for more details.

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Pre-Register to Vote

What is Pre-Registration?

- If you are 16 or 17 years old and otherwise meet the eligibility requirements to vote, you can pre-register to vote in California.
- Simply complete and submit a voter registration application and at the time of your 18th birthday, you will automatically be registered to vote.

How can you make changes to your information, such as your address or political party preference, before you turn 18?

- If you would like to make changes to information such as your address or political party preference before you turn 18, simply update your information by re-registering (or pre-registering) to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Voter registration forms are also available at your local county elections office, local Department of Motor Vehicles office, and other public locations. To find your local county elections office, please visit www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

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Visit the Secretary of State's Website to

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity
cal-access.sos.ca.gov OR
powersearch.sos.ca.gov/
- View this voter guide in other languages
www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place on Election Day
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/
- Read helpful information for first-time voters
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day
<http://vote.sos.ca.gov>

[Additional website addresses]

www.sos.ca.gov

www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/campaign/measures/>

[For federal contest information]

Visit www.fec.gov for details about money contributed in this contest.

Voter Bill of Rights

For more information about your voting rights, see page ____ of this guide.

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Vote California Mobile Apps



Election information is available right at your fingertips. Download the Secretary of State's "Vote California" mobile apps from the iOS or Android stores for important election information such as:

- Find your polling place
- Find what contests will be on your ballot
- Register to vote
- Find your county elections official

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Do I have to show identification to vote?

In *most* cases, California voters *do not* have to show identification before they vote.

You may have to show one form of identification at the polling place if you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and you did NOT provide the following on your application:

- State-issued driver license or identification or
- the last four digits of your social security number

Following are some of the acceptable types of identification according to state and federal laws:

- Driver license or state-issued identification
- Passport
- Employee identification
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Health club identification
- Insurance plan identification
- Credit card or debit card

For the full list, see “Polling Place ID Requirements” at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards>

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Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening (i.e. domestic violence, stalking victims) situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/>.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

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Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to reregister ***unless*** you change your name, home address, mailing address or if you want to change or select a political party.

You can register to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Or call the Secretary of State's free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to get a form mailed to you.

Voter registration forms can be found at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, county elections offices, and the California Secretary of State's Office.

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Ways to vote



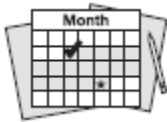
Vote by mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **November 1**.

Return by mail – must be postmarked on or before **November 8** and received by your county elections office no later than **November 14**.

Return in person – to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on **November 8**.

For more details, see page ____.

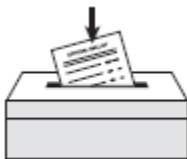


Vote early in person

Some counties offer early voting at a few locations before Election Day.

Contact your county elections office to see if they offer early voting.

County contact information can be found on page ____ or by visiting the Secretary of State's website at:
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>



Vote at the polls on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day:

November 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The location of your polling place is printed on the back page of the sample ballot booklet your county elections official mailed to you.

You can also find your polling place:

- by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place
- by texting *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)

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